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SUMMARY: CONTINUING A ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS
COLLEAGUES ON THE EWG (REFTEL), ON APRIL 27 DEFAD
LEGERE VISITED THE DUTCH DEFAD (WYNAENDTS) AND THE
ITALIAN DEFAD (PATRELLI) TO SOUND THEM OUT ON
INSTRUCTIONS THEY WERE EXPECTING ON THOSE PORTIONS
OF THE LTDP COMPREHENSIVE REPORT THAT ARE NOT YET
AGREED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DEFAD HAD A LONG DISCUSSION WITH DUTCH DEFAD
WYNAENDTS ON THE PARAGRAPHS THE US WANTS ADDED TO
THE PAPER FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT (PARAS
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19 BIS, 21 BIS, 23 BIS, 25 BIS, AND 33 BIS). WYNAENDTS
ARGUED THAT PRESENTATIONALLY IT WAS A BAD IDEA TO
OEPART FROM THE PRINCIPLE OF SELECTIVITY BY PUTTING
SOMETHING TO THE SUMMIT ON ALL NINE PROGRAM AREAS.
HE SAID THAT HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT MIGHT BALK
AT SUCH AN EXTENSIVE DOSE OF MEDICINE. THE DEFAD
POINTED OUT THAT PRESENTATIONALLY, REFERRING ONLY

FOUR OF THE NINE AREAS SPECIFICALLY TO THE SUMMIT MIGHT LEAD TO THE INCORRECT INFERENCE THAT THE OTHER FIVE PROGRAMS WERE SOMEHOW LESS IMPORTANT. THE EFFECTS OF THIS INFERENCE, JUSTIFIED OR NOT, COULD BE HARMFUL FOR THE FIVE PROGRAMS NOT GIVEN EQUAL PROMINENCE. WYNAENDTS TOOK THE DEFAD'S POINT, BUT WAS NOT ALTOGETHER CONVINCED BY IT. HE DID SAY THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE SOME GENERAL LANGUAGE THAN THE LANGUAGE THAT IS NOW IN THE REPORT IN BRACKETS, AND TELEPHONED THE DEFAD LATER IN THE DAY TO SAY THAT THE HAGUE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE LATTER LANGUAGE. THE ITALIAN DEFAD PATRELLI OFFERED NO VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. RE PROGRAM COORDINATORS, WYNAENDTS SAID THAT THE HAGUE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR THEM, BUT SIMPLY WAS NOT PREPARED TO DECIDE WHO THEY SHOULD BE FOR EACH PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT. WYNAENDTS SAID THE DUTCH MIGHT EVEN SUPPORT SOME LANGUAGE IN THE REPORT INDICATING THAT PROGRAM COORDINATORS WOULD BE NAMED BY A SPECIFIC DATE, E.G., DECEMBER 1978. THE QUESTION OF WHO HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY AND WHAT HIS AUTHORITY WOULD BE NEEDED FURTHER STUDY, AND THE HAGUE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED TO SAFEGUARD NATIONAL PREROGATIVES. PATRELLI COMMENTED ONLY THAT THE TERM PROGRAM COORDINATOR WAS MORE UNDERSTANDABLE THAN SINGLE MANAGER. BOTH WYNAENDTS AND PATRELLI THOUGHT THEY CONFIDENTIAL

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COULD ACCEPT INSERTION OF THE WORDS "A NATO COMMANDER OR" BEFORE "AN IDENTIFIABLE AGENCY" IN LINE 10, PARAGRAPH 40, OF THE REPORT TO THE SUMMIT.

3. THE DEFAD MADE A QUICK PASS THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT'S ANNEXES WITH WYNAENDTS AND PATRELLI. THE DUTCH HAVE VERY FEW FOOTNOTES IN THE ANNEXES, AND WYNAENDTS SAID THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THE HAGUE BY THE DIRECTOR OF TASK FORCE 5 (PRICE), THE DUTCH WOULD BE DROPPING THEIR RESERVATION IN ANNEX E (AIR DEFENSE), RECOMMENDATIONS PARAGRAPH 11 (A) (V). WYNAENDTS INDICATED THAT THE HAGUE WAS LUKEWARM TOWARD THE ENTIRE RESERVE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM AND CLAIMED THAT ITS MEASURES FOR THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE DUTCH SHARE OF THE LTDP.

4. BY CONTRAST, THE ANNEXES ARE LITTERED WITH ITALIAN FOOTNOTES. PATRELLI SAID HE HOPED ROME WOULD REDUCE THEIR NUMBER, AND HE WAS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR POSITIVE ACTION ON THE FOOTNOTES IN ANNEXES E (AIR DEFENSE) AND G (ELECTRONIC WARFARE).

HE RESOLUTELY DEFENDED THE ITALIAN FOOTNOTE ON SCRA,
PARAGRAPH 6 (B) ANNEX F (C3), AND SAID HE THOUGHT THAT
ROME WOULD PROBABLY HOLD FIRM ON ITS FOUR FOOTNOTES
IN ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS) CALLING FOR ADDITION
OF THE PHRASE "SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES". FURTHER
ON ANNEX J, HE NOTED THAT ROME WAS AGAINST "LOGISTICS
COMMANDS", BUT COULD PROBABLY SUPPORT A LOGISTICS
COORDINATING CAPABILITY IN HEADQUARTERS AFSOUTH.
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